

MY MOTHER WOULD NEVER LET ME LIE ON THE SOFA WITH MY SHOES ON

WELL, ELMO, YOUR MOTHER ISN'T BOSS AROUND HERE

DAGWOOD?! DO YOU HAVE YOUR SHOES ON THE SOFA AGAIN?! WHO IS THE BOSS AROUND HERE?

YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, SAL, A CELL PHONE WOULD BE HANDY IN EMERGENCIES.

TRUE, BUT WE'VE SURVIVED THIS LONG WITHOUT ONE.

SOMETIMES I THINK TECHNOLOGY EXISTS SOLELY TO CREATE NEEDS WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WE HAD.

I THINK THAT'S CALLED PROGRESS.

I THINK THAT'S CALLED MARKETING.

DAVID COVERLY

I'M STILL NOT LIKED!

GET HIM!

WHY CAN'T BAD GUYS EVER GIVE UP GRACEFULLY?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT SPECIAL WEBBING COSTS?

SPIDER-MAN
LIVES!
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THIS WEEK
LET'S HAVE
A CHAT
ABOUT
GAMBLING

GOOD IDEA, MAC...
THAT LASS OF
MINE WILL
GAMBLE ON
ANYTHING --

NOW SHE'S STARTED
TUCKING HER MONEY
AWAY IN THE
WORTH THAT I'LL
BE WORTH
SOMETHING
SOMEDAY

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BOOMPH

PASQUALE, PUT YOUR HELIUM BALLOONS INTO THIS MIRROR FOR A MINUTE...

AH, THANKS! LIGHT AS A FEATHER! NOW DON'T MOVE UNTIL I GET IT HUNG!

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ONE THING I CAN'T STAND IS WHEN ONE LEG OF THE TABLE IS SHORTER THAN THE OTHER THREE!

THE OTHER THING I CAN'T STAND IS WHEN HE TRIES TO FIX IT!

CHRIS MADDEN 7-11

THANKS TO MY CONSULTING JOB, I'M WEALTHIER THAN YOU.

AND I'M CUTER, OBVIOUSLY. THE ONLY THING LEFT IS PERSONALITY.

SHOULDN'T YOU BE SPREADING DISEASE SOMEWHERE?

THREE FOR THREE! YES!!

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STAY STEAL

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Country singer and former Louisiana Gov. **Jimmie Davis**

HAAAAA, A LONG THING THAT HANGS IN FRONT OF ANY CHEST AND CATCHES FOOD. I LIKE IT!

V. BECK

SCRABBLE

RACK 1

W ₄	S ₁	A ₁	H ₄	S ₁	L ₁	A ₁
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RACK 2

S ₁	U ₁	O ₁	E ₁	R ₁	F ₁	P ₁
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4th Letter Triple

RACK 3

B ₂	S ₁	A ₁	E ₁	B ₂	Y ₁	A ₁
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Double Word Score

N ₁	D ₂	G ₁	I ₁	I ₁	I ₁	V ₁	
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RACK 4

PAS SCORE 75-85

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

YGCZVHCTAWSPLIE
MAINSRING OBYV
 OLLIFCZMWETUQNH
 IFCPZWUERPMSSNM
 JHECSZXUSQRENDI
 JGECZISXVUATVNT
 RPNLEJDHOELUIOC
 AYWVTCNHRBANPCM
 NLKIGEACOBIIZEK
 XWUSRPHFOMDMTSI
 JIGEDBAYXWUSTSO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: THE SOUND OF A CLOCK

Alarm	Fob	Minutes	Time
Dial	Hands	Movement	Watch
Display	Hours	Seconds	Wound
Face	Mainspring	Stem	

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For solution, see Classified

ACES ON BRIDGE

Unfortunately, they were ugly weeds. What could he have done in the black suits to improve his chances at no cost? West led his club deuce, dummy played low, and West won his king. East's club four went to dummy.

NORTH	09-11
♠ Q 8 7 5	
♥ 7 4 3	
♦ J 10 3 2	
♣ A 7	

NORTH
 ♠ Q 8 7 5
 ♥ 7 4 3
 ♦ J 10 3 2
 ♣ A 7

WEST	EAST
♠ K 9 4	♠ J 6 3 2
♥ K J 10	♥ 9 6 5 2
♦ K 7 5	♦ 6
♣ J 9 6 2	♣ K 8 5 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A 10
 ♥ A Q 8
 ♦ A Q 9 8 4
 ♣ Q 10 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding.

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: Club defence

club queen, he should lead his
n if West ducks. When it wins,

or an overtrick. Why the spade fit

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1 Discovery made by a spot check?	38 Eccentric	46 34-Across
2 Stingy	37 Marshall McLuhan's concern	45 Easily confused
3 Cast of characters?	39 Rack and ruin	47 Openings
4 Mark and Martin	39 Keen	48 Ring
5 Self-service station	40 Grave	51 Home-grown
6 Optimistic	41 See 45-Across	52 "Stoned Love" singers, with "the"
7 Play, in a way	42 Straight —	53 It's not on the level
8 More than persuasion	43 Leading lines?	54 Forty-niner's quest
9 Start of many Indian place names	47 Harmony	
10 Wife's name in "Babe"	48 Deck (out)	DOWN
11 Disguise	49 Blow the whistle	1 Mustered
12 "M" or "V"	42 Speakeasy risks	2 Tick away
	43 Chichén Itzá resident	3 Poise
	44 .0247 acre	4 Deal binder

BRAS REFS SQUAD
LUSH EXAM OUTRE
ISTO DIDI NAACP
THEWASTELAND
HIRSCH EMERALD
ENS TIAS STUDIO
NORRIS PAST
PAINTEDGESERT

7 Octopus's local
8 Bull's target
9 Ad follower
10 Partial
11 Myra's cousin
12 Gauge
14 Wartime
transportation
15 tie a leash
20 BR of Sun
25 Run for it
26 Biggest bone in
the body
28 Mitten, for cat

Puzzle by John Warren

27 — medical	39 Kind of fork	46 Change places
28 It has its reservations	40 Most festive	48 Site for a 37-Down
29 Kills time	42 Sunset-tinged	49 Speed (through)
30 Lays off, with "from"	43 Like enemy waters, maybe	50 Jacuzzi site

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